Supply of coal for power plants

1509. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power plants, getting National asset' like coal at subsidized rate, are linking their rate with subsidy for selling electricity to consumers;

(b) if so, whether it is left to the discretion of the power plant management or there are specific guidelines so that benefit percolates to the consumers; and

(c) the quantum of electricity being generated through coal for general consumers, apart from captive power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The tariff for sale of bulk power from the power projects to the utilities is regulated by the appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. According to the regulations of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), cost of fuel is pass-through in energy charges. The benefit of subsidized cost of fuel (such as coal), if any, gets passed on to the beneficiaries, when the power is scheduled by the beneficiaries according to the scheduling procedure specified by the CERC in the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC).

(c) The quantum of electricity produced during the year 2008-09 (April, 2008 to November, 2008) from coal based stations (excluding captive power plants) was 307206 Million Units.

Allocation of power to Uttar Pradesh

1510. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power allocation under Central sector quota, based on Gadgil formula and envisaged in Electricity Act, 2003, has not been fully implemented in case of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what share has been fixed for Uttar Pradesh in 1399 MW unallocated power due for northern region;

(c) what is the reason behind less allocation of power to the State; and

(d) what is the total shortfall in the State and how much allocation has been made under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The allocation of power from the Central Generating Stations (CGSs) to States/Union Territories is governed by a formula which is being treated as guideline from April, 2000, except in case of central sector dedicated power plants. At present, the share of Undivided Uttar Pradesh is 34.8% considering Central Plan Assistance Allocation & Energy Consumption for the year 2001-2006. This share is further divided between newly formed U.P. & Uttarakhand in the ratio of 84.75% & 15.25% respectively. Thus, the present share of U.P. works out to 29.5%.

(b) and (c) The allocation of unallocated power in Central Generating Stations, kept at the disposal of the Government, is made on a dynamic basis to meet the emergent and seasonal needs